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New Santee site planned for Boys & Girls Club

by Susanne Riddle-Haslinger

When the Boys & Girls Club of Santee, which was housed behind Santana High School, had to close its doors some time back due to a lack of funding, the mutual feeling of everyone involved was one of great disappointment, but the dream and goal to rebuild in Santee was already a plan in the making.

With determination and a lot of help from friends, the organization plans to relocate in Santee in about a year to a 5.5 acre site in Santee Town Center.

According to Mark Robak, who was recently appointed as president and chairman of the organization, "in-kind" (other than cash) funding donations have exceeded $110,000 toward the new Santee club.

A large portion of that funding, $70,000, was donated by Viejas Casino in the form of 14 12' x 40' relocatable buildings, which currently house the off-track betting facility at the casino. Robak said the buildings were originally scheduled to be moved to storage in Santee on Aug. 21, but the move date has been set for Sept. 3 and 4.

Other professional services that are lending a helping hand to transport the buildings to the storage area include Enniss Constructors, Bragg Cranes and Bill Signs Trucking Co. At this time, the group is seeking additional truckers with "single drop/low boy" trailers to complete the move.

According to information released by the Santee Boys & Girls Club, the group is also currently discussing the transfer of the ground lease with the land owner, county of San Diego, and current lessee, Boys & Girls Club of East County.

The club also said the group is working closely with the city of Santee Department of Development Services to obtain approval of the revised grading plan and that the club will soon submit a new site plan allowing for the placement of the relocatable buildings on the location, as well as their temporary storage.

When the Santee club closed, local children began attending the El Cajon or Lakeside club, but large as the housing is in those locations, Santee needs a clubhouse of it's own and there are enough kids in Santee to meet the requirements of this need.

"The facilities in El Cajon are extremely large with a full gymnasium, and Lakeside now has a gymnasium. The kids in those areas will probably stay where they are; the future Boys & Girls Club in Santee will serve mostly Santee kids," said Robak.

A major fund-raising event for the club will be the "Viejas Mountain Bike Challenge," named for its sponsor, Viejas Casino and scheduled for Oct. 4 at Mission Trails Regional Park.

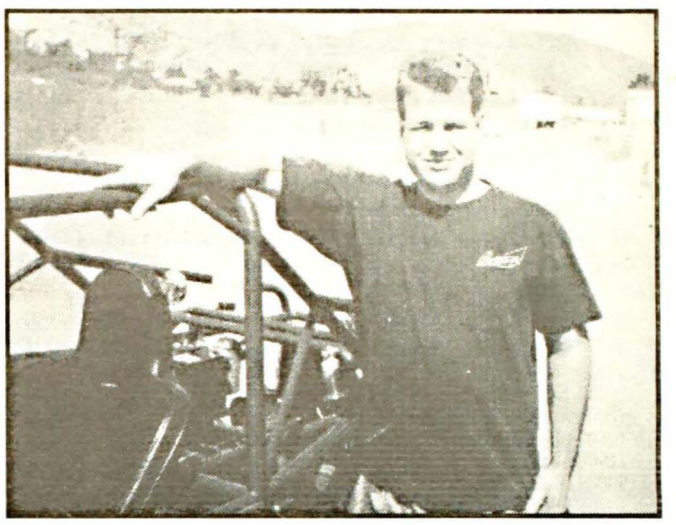
Other sponsors of cash and products include the Bike Shop III, HomeTown Buffet, Pure Flo Water, Scripps Hospital-East County, Sets-FM 102.1, Sycuan Casino and Toro AG.

The Boys & Girls clubs offer professional and well organized activities which promote health, safety, educational classes and field trips, dance classes, sports and crafts.

To learn more about the Boys & Girls clubs or how to help with the future Santee club, please write to Boys & Girls Club of Santee, Post Office Box 712047, Santee 92071 or call Mark Robak at 444-4421.

Racing win streak, new dune buggy makes it hot summer for Chenowth

by Joe Naiman



Rory Chenowth leans on his SV16 outside his El Cajon office.

Photo by Joe Naiman

Not only is Rory Chenowth doing well on the Barona Speedway dirt track, but he's also doing well in his quest to let others have a ride on the dirt.

Chenowth Fabrications pays the bills for the El Cajon resident's sprint car racing at Barona Speedway, so in a way the Rory Chenowth SV16 has some benefits on a graded track as well as in unmaintained desert and dune terrain.

It is not surprising that Chenowth would have an occupation involving racing and off-road buggies. Chenowth is a third-generation racer; his grandfather raced stock cars in Albuquerque and his father also drove.

His father owned Chenowth Racing Products until selling the business about 15 years ago. "His great passion in life was as a designer. He always hired the good drivers," said Rory.

Chenowth's racing career included serving as crew chief for Roger Mears, who won two consecutive years at the old Riverside speedway during his tenure.

He drove the Mears car for part of the second season, but his preference for the dirt led him to the SCORE series. He competed in Class 12 (Mini-Mac), winning his class in the Baja 1000 in 1991 and 1992.

But Chenowth, whose boys are now 5 and 2, took a break from racing after he started his family. "Off-road racing is very, very time consuming. It's tough to run a business, race and have a family."

After two years off, he bought a sprint car. He has raced at the Barona Speedway for the past three years.

Unlike off-road racing, Chenowth's wife and children join him at the Barona track.

"That's why I like Barona so much," he said. "It's 20 minutes from home and it's good clean family racing."

Last year he was second in the sprint class, losing a chance for the championship after receiving a black flag (disqualification) on the last race after a collision.

"That's the way it goes and we're just up there for fun, so it wasn't like it really bothered anything," reflected Chenowth.

In his first race this year, his car blew a water line, but he won the ensuing 10 events to lead the sprints in points.

Chenowth Fabrications, which the Valhalla High School graduate founded in 1986, is within walking distance of the Cajon Speedway.

He has raced Pony Stocks and Bomber Stocks on the asphalt track, but prefers the Barona course. "I like dirt, bottom line. I like the looseness, freeness of the dirt," he said.

The racer also notes that the adrenaline of a track which is 1/6 of a mile on the outside and 1/8 of a mile on the inside is greater than on the Cajon Speedway's 3/8 mile course. The challenge is greater on a smaller track, which is more dependent on the driver than on the vehicle.

The SV16 is Chenowth's first recreational chassis product. Chenowth and his father designed the Class 12 vehicles, were top of the line when used in SCORE racing in the late 1980s. The SV16 is based on the Class 12 vehicles.

"What you're basically getting is a two-seat race car that's Baja proven and tested," said Chenowth.

He added that the main thing that he's really trying to do here is to provide a customer with a quality part that's going to last them a good long time. The first three SV16 models were finished in November, but marketing began in June. So far business has been good.

He warns that the SV16, which is a chassis package requiring installation of a motor, is not a first-time buggy buyer's car.

On the other hand, he has found that women find the SV16 more user-friendly than other dune buggies.

He noted that his wife didn't enjoy driving his previous vehicle, but has no problems driving the SV16, and that he can't keep her out of it now. Chenowth added that now she wants to drive him in the desert.

While business is good for Chenowth, life isn't all business. His boys enjoy seeing their father race. In fact, Chenowth had planned to retire this year, but five-year-old Brody enjoyed the races too much for Rory to quit.

With less emphasis on winning and less effort required than in off-road racing, Rory Chenowth can make his son happy. "This is just grass-roots fun-time racing," he said.

Roller hockey league accepting sign-ups for college level teams

California Amateur Roller Hockey (CARH) is accepting registration applications for (on- or off-campus) college roller hockey teams interested in participating in San Diego County's only College Division Roller Hockey League.

The league is open to community college, 4-year college and college-level trade and tech school teams.

All games will be played at CARH's new, state-of-the-art Roller Hockey Arena, located on the Mira Costa College campus in Oceanside.

Teams must be comprised of players enrolled in college (fall semester), and may consist of players from different colleges, only if a player is enrolled in a college having no current club roller hockey team.

CARH will assist individual players in forming or joining a college club team.

The CARH College Division Roller Hockey League (10-game) season will begin Oct. 11 and end Dec. 20.

The league will be comprised of teams from throughout Southern California. A CARH, San Diego Regional Championship Tournament will be held at the end of the season.

Registration fee is $595 per team. Registration deadline is Sept. 15.

For more information, and to receive a mail-in registration package, call: (760) 632-0275.

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For the traveler looking for a bargain airline ticket, buying from a consolidator may be the best way to go.

But, the Better Business Bureau advises that you fully understand all the terms, conditions and restrictions attached to the ticket, and do some comparison shopping before you buy.

"You might get a great deal with a consolidator, but unless you read the fine print you may be greatly disappointed," said Gerry Wilson, local BBB president.

A consolidator is an airline ticket wholesaler who buys tickets from airlines, and then re-sells the tickets to travel agents, ticket brokers or directly to consumer at prices that are often below the airlines' published prices.

If you decide to do business with a consolidator, understand the following:

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• Tickets may not be refundable, exchangeable, endorsable or transferable. If they are, stiff penalties may apply.

• Restrictions are developed by the airline and could appear in a contract between an airline and consolidator.

A travel agent may not be aware of the restrictions and generally can't be liable for performance failures of the airline or consolidator.

• Find out the restrictions before paying for the ticket. The BBB offers the following tips:

• Confirm your reservation directly with the airline, since the reservation made by the consolidator may not represent a confirmed seat on the flight.

• Don't expect the same level of service from a ticket consolidator as you would receive from a full-service travel agent.

• Ask yourself "Are you really saving money?" Do some comparison shopping. Contact a few airlines and travel agencies to compare prices.

• Pay for your ticket with a credit card. If there's a problem, you can delay or halt credit card payments until the problem is resolved.

• Call the BBB for a reliability report before making a purchase. Now celebrating its 75th anniversary in San Diego County, the BBB promotes fair and ethical business standards that protect the marketplace to the benefit of the consumer and businessperson.

To obtain free information on local companies along with a list of BBB member companies in a particular type of industry, phone the Bureau's free 24-hour Consumer Helpline at 496-2131.

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Community Notes

Barona Powwow ready to roll

The 27th Annual Barona Powwow will be celebrated with Native American dancers, rhythmic drumming and arts and crafts beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday and continuing throughout the weekend, from 1 - 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Festivities take place at the Barona Indian Reservation softball field, one mile east of Barona Casino. To get to the Casino, take I-8 east, Highway 67 north, Willows Road exit east, then north on Wildcat Canyon Road about seven miles.

Hundreds of tribal dancers travel from across the country to Barona to participate in dance contests and to share their heritage with non-Indians. Native American foods, arts and crafts will also be featured.

The event is free to the public. For further information call the tribal office at 443-6612.

Lemon Grove Sheriff's Log

Aug. 10-11, 1997
3200 blk. Olive St. Vehicle burglary. $170 value.
Aug. 11, 1997
7200 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. $2,000 value.
Aug. 12, 1997
7000 blk. Broadway. Strong-arm robbery. $250 value.
3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Strong-arm robbery. $2,052 value.
Aug. 13, 1997
6900 blk. North Ave. Auto theft. $18,000 value.
Aug. 14, 1997
8500 blk. Palm. Auto theft. $500 value.
8200 blk. Broadway. Strong-arm robbery. $250 value.

Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population:	25,100	Planning Director:	Jim Butler
Incorporated:	1977	City Attorney:	Gloria McLean
Area:	3.75 sq. mi.	City Clerk:	Christine Taub
Median income:	$34,399	Sheriff's Capt.:	Yolanda Collins
1996-97 city budget:	$26.3 million	Fire Chief:	Dale Chamberlain
1996 taxable sales:	$265 million		

Mayor: **Mary Teresa Sessom**
Council: **Thomas Clabby, Craig Lake, Dwight Shelley, Jeff Jandura**
City Manager: **Doug Yount**

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NOTICE
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2 p.m. on the 16th day of September, 1997 for performing work as follows:

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS REPLACEMENT AND UPDATE
(A Hazard Elimination and Safety Project)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, supervision, labor, and incidentals required to complete the above stated project. The work consists of fabrication and installation of 411 street signs, Sign Post and Assembly Removal & Installation.

Funding for the TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS REPLACEMENT AND UPDATE (A Hazard Elimination and Safety Project) will be provided through the Federal Hazard Elimination and Safety (HES) Program. The engineer's estimate is $82,000. HES constitutes 100% of the total project budget. HES bid and contract requirements are included in the bid packet.

This project has a goal of 15 percent Disadvantaged Business (DB) participation.

The bids received will be publicly opened and read at the City Offices, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California. Copies of the bid package, consisting of a specifications package, may be obtained at that location at a **non-refundable** charge of $10.00 per set. The Mailing fee is an additional $5.00. All bidders should direct their questions during the bidding period to Carmen Fink, at John Powell & Associates, (760) 753-1120. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of Business and Professions Code. The bidder for this Contract must possess a valid C-61 (D-42) Limited Specialty - sign Installation license.

The Successful bidder must have a City of Lemon Grove Business License prior to commencement of work.

The City Council of Lemon Grove hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement for bids, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

The inclusion of Federal money for all of this project's funding required compliance with Federal labor regulations. Federal minimum wage rates for this project as determined by the Secretary of Labor are set forth in the special provisions as "General Wage Decision No. CA960001." Not less than the general prevailing wages, as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations or the Federal minimum wages as determined by the Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher, shall be paid by the Contractor and its Subcontractors to all workers employed on the project.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any combination of bids. Bids must be accompanied by a 10% bid bond as specified in Section 1, Bidders Instructions of the bid documents. No bidder may withdraw his bid without forfeiture of his bid bond within sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of the bid opening.

Prospective bidders are hereby directed to pay particular attention to the applicable section in the bid package for full directions and requirements as to submittal of bids, bonds and agreements.

Date: August 18, 1997
Charles D. Stuck
Public Works Director/ City Engineer

The City of Lemon Grove complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you require reasonable accommodations for this bid opening, contact the City Public Works Department at (619) 464-6934 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening.

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NOTICE
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ZEMCO DRIVE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The work to be done consist of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, supervision, labor, and incidentals required to complete the above stated project. The work consists of installing an eighteen inch (18") storm drain pipe extending approximately two hundred fifty six (256) linear feet from Zemco Drive to Glencoe Drive.

The bids received will be publicly opened and read at the City Offices, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California. Copies of the bid package, consisting of two sheets of plans and a specifications package, may be obtained at that location at a **non-refundable** charge of $20.00 per set. The mailing fee is an additional $10.00. All bidders should direct their questions during the bidding period to Carmen Fink, at John Powell & Associates, Inc., (760) 753-1492.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of Business and Professions Code. The bidder for this Contract must possess a valid General Engineering Contractors "A" License. This project has a goal of 17 percent Disadvantaged Business (DB) participation.

The Successful bidder must have a City of Lemon Grove Business License prior to commencement of work.

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Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements of wage rates to be paid under the Contract. It should be noted by all bidders that the current State Prevailing Wage Rate Scale for the San Diego area or the general Wage Determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts dated April 4, 1997 will be required to be paid by all bidders under the conditions of the Contract Specifically. The Prevailing Wage Rate is the most recent "General Prevailing Wage Determination Made By The Director Of Industrial Relations Pursuant To California Labor Code Division 2, Chapter 1, Part 7, Articles 2.3 and 5." It shall be the responsibility of the Prime Contractor to comply with all applicable sections of the California Labor Code including but not limited to Sections 1776 and 1777.3. In case of conflict between the State Prevailing Wages and the Federal Prevailing Wages, the Proposer shall use the higher of the two wage rates.

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Date of Sale: 9/9/97 at 12:00 PM
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LEMON GROVE, CALIFONRIA 92045
APN #: 480-235-11-00
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Sports Beat
with Greg Eichelberger

An event occurred this week which proves that professional athletics are as out of whack as anything heretofore seen in society (and that's a difficult thing to say).

Now, I know that this column is primarily a focus on East County sports, but the situation involving Tony Phillips, the Anaheim Angels' bombastic, psycho cokehead, has far-reaching ramifications to anyone who loves baseball. Seems this lad was caught with some Columbian Dancing Powder in his possession, admitted he had a habit and then, when the team suspended him for his stupid and illegal behavior, balked at their recommendation for rehabilitation.

Then, incredibly, the Players' Association backed him (which is another reason I think this union is the scourge of the Earth). But that's still not the end. The Major League owners' sided with Phillips, as did an arbitrator, who said the suspension was not kosher. All in all, pro baseball has sent a message – we don't care what a player does, just don't try to discipline him – nice example to the kids of America, jerks.

Another "funny" thing happened on the Chargers' front. Seems that head coach Kevin Gilbride has closed training camp to the media until the season starts. He wants his men to concentrate on their jobs and not the reporters hanging around. The hilarious part is that even the Chargers' staunchest allies, like the *Union-Tribune* and XTRA radio, who never missed a chance to kiss up to the team, have even turned against them. How sweet it is.

The annual Bobby Sox tournament is over, and had Lemon Grove/Spring Valley been able to hold a 3-0 lead against Mililani, Hawaii, with one inning to go, it would have been the national champs. As it was, the team gave up four runs in that fateful frame, and ended up as runner-ups.

But no one on the squad, which included **Carley Ledford**, **Jessica Vargas**, **Nicky Geis** and **Carrie Belanger**, hung their head over the loss. "We hit the ball solid, but right at people," said Belanger. "While they tried to take the extra base on almost everything they hit."

Other East County teams also made the local populace proud. Concerning Division 4A, the Lakeside team (16-and-under) finished fourth, winning four out of six contests. **Sydney Oftedahl**, **Meghan Everett**, **Alishia Amos**, **Melissa McGrath** and **Jenny Betraun** starred for this amalgamation.

In Division 2A, the Valley Mesa team, which consists of player from Spring Valley and La Mesa, placed third after winning four of five. Thanks to the La Mesa Police Officers Association, girls 12 years and under, like **Jessica Miller**, **Melissa Wamsley**, **Erica Rees**, **Brandi Scott** and **Andrea Ness**, were able to travel to the tourney in Buena Park.

Finally, in Division 1A, the Lakeside Mini-Sox (10-and-under) finished second to Orange County, the best they had ever done in the post-season. **Ashley Ames**, **Kristi Brown**, **Tennille Rust**, **Janelle Shaffer** and **Ashley Hart**, among others, played important roles for this group. Congratulations to all concerned.

PADRES WATCH: As of this writing, the Friars have dropped two of three to Pittsburgh, despite Tony Gwynn's 100th RBI (the first time he has achieved that milestone in a career packed with them). With Vaughn and Finley's batting averages plummeting like Tony Phillips' brain cells, the question is: who will rise up and save the sinking team before it's too late?

Mark Sweeney, rapidly becoming a pinch-hitting guru, doesn't play enough; Gwynn cannot do it alone; and Caminiti is having trouble living up to his 1996 offensive numbers. That, combined with erratic pitching, may likely spell doom for the defending Western Division champions. We'll see.

Incidentally, the final session of interleague play takes place this week as both the Angels and Rangers make their way to Jack Murphy/QualComm Stadium. See you there.

San Diego will host the NIKE Hoop-It-Up tournament which will take place on Oct. 4 and 5 at the Administration Center downtown. Players 8 and over are encouraged to participate. Call 285-3901 for more information.

And you can call me, too, at 390-7103, if you'd like to see your name (or your team's name) in print right here in this column. It can hurt, so why not give it a shot? Until then, have a great week.

Letters and stories wanted

We would like to invite our readers to make comments about our sports stories and columns or any sports subject they feel inclined to discuss.

We hope our readers will have enough interest in the subject of sports to take the time to write us in a "Letter to the Editor."

We will gladly print them as written, as long as they are not slanderous, with only minor style changes.

In this week's papers (almost everywhere), people have been making remarks about the Tony Phillips controversy and we would like our readers to comment on the subject,too.

In addition, with the start of school and college sports just around the corner, we are sure that students and parents would like to make positive remarks about the student athletes at their schools or colleges.

We also would like to solicit interesting notes and articles about unusual happenings in sports in East County, from youth sports right through to adult amateur and professional activities.

Marv Rosen
Sports Editor, Forum Publications

Padres newest sports plum for East County security firm Elite

by Greg Eichelberger

La Mesa's Shelly Ardry (right), an Elite security guard, "protects" an Oakland A's baseball player during a pre-game autograph session last month at QualComm Stadium.

Phot o by Greg Eichelberger

One might be surprised to know that the folks responsible for protecting the Padres and their fans during home games had deep roots in the East County, but a brief conversation with brothers Gus and John Kontopuls will confirm that undeniable fact.

In addition, the Grossmont Union High School District has asked Elite to provide staffing for their athletic events this coming year. "It is truly gratifying to work in the area in which we were raised," said John.

Working with San Diego State and the Grossmont District has special meaning to us because these are institutions where we received our education, he added.

Starting small, the two siblings founded Elite Show Services in 1995, and by this year, the company was posting gross revenues of over $3,000,000, and had pulled off its biggest coup yet by snatching the Padres account.

It's the largest sporting security service contract on the West Coast, providing the club with 35,000 man-hours during the baseball season. This current agreement will continue for the next two years.

"Elite's performance during 1996 validated their commitment to providing a staff that not only met our needs, but extended quality customer service that exceeded the expectations of our fans," said Mark Guglielmo, the Padres director of stadium operations.

Gus added that the Padres account is also very special, since we've been fans for a long time.

The brothers, born in El Cajon three years apart, were initiated into the game of baseball early, as their father took them on frequent trips to Westgate Park to see the minor league Pads in the 1960s. These jaunts continued after the team was given a Major League franchise in 1968.

Later, Gus graduated from Helix High School, while the younger Kontopuls finished his prep experience at Grossmont High. Both played on their respective varsity football squads and attended San Diego State University, earning business administration degrees.

Gus, proudly sporting a Ken Caminiti-type goatee, received his security baptism as a bouncer for a "Queen" concert at the Sports Arena in his teens.

By the age of 19, he was in charge of San Diego events for Western Entertainment Services, and since then has held management positions at several firms, including heading security for five venues during the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

After a decade as the head of the San Diego office of Event Management, he left that job two years ago to form Elite with his brother.

John has dabbled in security since 1982, also serving as a venue leader for the L.A. Olympic Organizing Committee.

From 1989-91, he worked for Great American Bank.

He is also the chief executive officer at the Kontopuls Financial Group, a mortgage brokerage firm in Mission Valley.

Active in their community, the duo often provides free services to various charitable organizations and are directors of the San Diego Youth and Community Services, as well as the East County American Heart Association.

Drawing heavily from its home area, Elite employs quite a few East County personnel, out of their 350 total workers, including Dennis Love, of Santee, a retired San Diego Police Sergeant in charge of special events at the Sports Arena, and Bryan Mulder, of El Cajon (graduated from Granite Hills), the firm's director of operations.

Guards who can be seen at any given home game include, Duane Ninow, of El Cajon (originally from South Africa), a field and locker room supervisor; Santee's Griff Rogers; El Cajon residents and West Hills alums, James Mitchell and Chris Field; Vanessa Beltram, also of El Cajon (Granite Hills grad) and Guy Clemmons and Shelly Ardry of La Mesa.

Other sporting events that the company has charge of are the Plymouth Holiday Bowl, the Chargers' training camp, Stanford University, the SDSU Aztecs, Major League Soccer and the Pacific 10 Conference football games, with more clients due to sign on soon.

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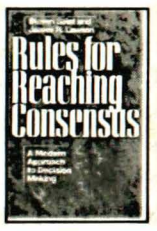

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